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1. WITH THEIR JOY OVER SADAT'S RENOMINATION FULLY EXPRESSED,
AUGUST 27 DAILIES WERE FREE TO GIVE LIBYAN EVIL DOINGS
THEIR JUST SHARE OF FRONT PAGE PROMINENCE.

2. HIGHEST LEVEL CASTIGATION OF QUADHAFI CAME FROM
FONMIN FAHMY IN INTERVIEW WITH SAUDI NEWSPAPER AL-MEDINA.

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FAHMY SAID QADHAFI "PRESENCE ON THE ARAB MAP NOW IS

SOMETHING UNDESIRABLE". QADHAFI HAS BEEN "TALKING TO HIMSELF" TOO MUCH AND HAS WROUGHT HARM TO LIBYAN AND ARAB NATIONS INSTEAD OF DIRECTING "HIS ALLEGED MILITARY STRENGTH" AT LIBERATING PALESTINIANS.

3. QADHAFI GOT MORE OF THE SAME IN REPORTED REMARKS OF SUDANESE MININFO THAT QADHAFI HAS PLOTTED AGAINST SUDAN BECAUSE HE "CANNOT STOMACH UNITY BETWEEN ARABS AND AFRICANS" OF SUDAN. QADHAFI BEHAVES OUT OF FRUSTRATION.

4. HIJACKING. PAPERS ALSO PALYED UP MIN WAR GAMASY DECORATION OF HEROIES OF ANTI-HIJACKING OPERATION. HE SAID SUCCESS OF OPERATION HAS "ELIMINATED SOME OF THE BITTERESS" GENERATED BY ANTI-EGYPTIAN CONSRACIES OF "THOSE WHO ARE BLINDED BY HATRED". GAMASY AGAIN STATED EGYPTIAN POLICY OF NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS. PRESS ALSO PROMISES MORE DETAILED ON HIJACING IN PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED BY MILITARY PROSECUTOR AUGUST 28.

5. LIBYAN ARREST OF EGYPTIAN SECUIRTY GUARDS ON U.S. OWNED AIRLINER (REFTEL) WAS DESCRIBED BY "OFFICIAL SOURCES" AS PROOF OF MORAL BANKRUPTCY , CRIMINAL NATURE AND DUBIOUS INTENTIONS OF LIBYAN REGIME. OFFICIAL REAFFIRMED THAT LIBYAN REGIME MUST ACCEPT TRUE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS OWN ACTS.

6. ADDITIONAL AIRPORT PROBLEM, REPORTED BY AL-AHRAM ON PAGE 1, INVOLVED LIBYAN STUDENT WHO SEVERELY INJURED POLICE OFFICER WHILE ATTEMPTIG TO BREAK IN TO CAIRO AIRPORT WITHOUT SHOWING PASSPORT OR PLANE TICKET. YOUTH, WAHEED ABDUL HAMID ABU BAKR, ARRESTED AND NOW UNDERGOING "QUESTIONING".

7. AKHBAR COMMENTED ZAHHAFT'S "DOUBLE GAME" AND "SHARE IN MASSACRES" IN LEBANON ARE SUBJECTING HIM TO "REAL CRISIS". AHRAH EDITOR-IN-CHIEF HAMID GAMAL PRODUCED ONG WINDED EDITORIAL CONTRASTING ELIIGHTENED ROLE OF EGYPT IN ARAB WORLD WITH INTER ALIA,"DEPLORABLE AND MANENTABLE ROLE OF LIBYAN LUNATIC." CONCLUDED THAT LIBYA " BOILING FROM WITHIN".

8. COMMENT: WORD IS CLEARLY OUT TO STRESS IMMINENT COLLAQSE FROM WITHIN OF QUADHAFI REGIME. OFFICIALDOM AND PRESSDOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE SET STAGE FOR DRAMA OF DOUBTLESSLY SPONTANEOUS LIBYAN REJECTION OF QADHAFI. ADMISSION FREE, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SAUDIS AND SUDANESE, BUT AUDIENCE RESTLESS. EILTS

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